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To: Town Council
From: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator

Re: Open Space & Recreation Plan

This evening the Franklin Conservation Commission and Conservation Agent and Natural Resources Manager, Breek Li Goodlander, will give a brief update on the Open Space & Recreation Plan. I expect a complete draft plan before the Council later this fall, which is a Council goal for the session. In the meantime, this is an opportunity to provide any ideas, questions or comments on the Plan from the Council.

Two additional Town Council goals for the sessions was to discuss potential opportunities on long term trails maintenance and the master plan of the Maple Hill purchase. I expect significant representation on both of those ideas as part of the plan. I anticipate in 2024 adding more specific goals from the OSRP plan to the agenda on how to implement goals from the plan, including Maple Hill, Schmidt Farm and (hopefully!) a goal to establish "Friends" groups of the various town parks and assets to help create a stewardship system of our town's open spaces and parks. The DPW can do a lot, but coordinated groups of "Friends" can also add a tremendous amount of value and develop a strong social fabric within the community.

Please read the most up to date website to prepare for the discussion:

[OSRP Website](#)